

Vidor, Texas 9/13/70
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Introduction:

1. Jer 10:23
2. It is well for man to know his limitations. It helps keep him humble.
3. It helps him to plan more wisely his life both for time and eternity.
4. There are many things which man cannot know or do; Every power of man has its limitations.
5. No man so brainy, so industrious, so consecrated, but that God has written "limited" after his name and work.

I. THINGS MAN CANNOT KNOW:

1. How old the world is. Many guesses, some differ by millions of years. *Even Billions*
2. How much longer it will stand. *2 Pet 3:10-12* *Thief*
3. When Jesus will come again. *2 Th 2:1-4*
4. When death will come to us.--THUS, MUST PREPARE. *Heb 9:27*
5. Whether we will have another opportunity to accept Christ.
6. The unrevealed things--Deut 29:29 *The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God, but the things revealed belong unto us.* *2 Tim 2:23* *1 Foolish & ignorant questions "gender stuff, etc."*

II. THINGS MAN CANNOT DO:

1. Some are limited by: (1) finance (2) broken health (3) heredity and environment (4) feeble constitution.
2. Cannot have faith for another. --"whoever will"
3. Cannot repent for our friends. Except *Ye* - Lk 13:3 *Acts 2:38* *"Every one of you"*
4. Cannot be baptized for another. Teach & baptize them. *Some of our religious friends would practice this. Baptism for the dead. (Romans)*
5. Cannot forgive for another. *Cannot forgive for Jehovah Only He can forgive sins done against Him.*
6. Cannot forgive our own sins---thus the need for Christ. *ONLY GOD CAN DO THIS!*
7. Cannot close the gates of heaven against anyone. *open " " " Hell " " " "Go to Hell"*
8. Cannot derive a plan of salvation.

Jer 10:23-

In 10:7-"I am the door of the sheep"

III. THINGS SOME (THINK) THEY KNOW: BUT DO NOT:

1. That God will accept additions to His worship. Man is willing to take the chance with their own wisdom and logic (?) Instrumental Music; *Fanny festivals - Pat Boone + Oran Roberts* *Country bands, burning candles, Pent, Entertainment*
 2. That one can be saved without obedience to the gospel. *Rom 6:17 - became obedient from the heart, ...*
 3. That one can be saved out of the church. *"Take God out of the Church; Take Him with you" Signboard* *Acts 2:47 - the church is the saved.*
 4. That there are many churches that please Jehovah; thus one church as good as another. *Eph 4:4; 1 Cor 12:13*
 5. That God will excuse ignorance of His will. *Acts 17:30* *2 Thes 2:10-12*
- That Man can improve on any of God's ways. *They have tried - Vzzah + the cart for the Ark of Cov.**

CONCLUSION:

1. Due to man's limitations, how dependent we must be on God's Word. Relying completely on what He says.
2. Truly Jeremiah knew what he said was true. *Jer 10:23--"O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that he walketh to direct his steps."*